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Call to Action

Support SB 199 - Improving Access to Primary Care

Contact Your Legislator TODAY!

[SB 199, an Act Improving Access to Primary Care for Delaware](#) has been introduced by Senator Bryan Townsend and Representative David Bentz to the Delaware General Assembly. This important bill will ensure adequate reimbursement for primary care by setting established Medicare rates as a baseline.

Access to primary care is rapidly declining in Delaware as more and more physicians are leaving traditional practice, moving to concierge models or merging with large hospitals. The attractiveness for new physicians to move to Delaware to practice medicine will only be helped by SB 199.

Currently, Delaware primary care falls far below the national average of six to eight percent of total medical expenditure. The current Delaware average is approximately three percent of total medical expenditure.

SB 199 will require insurers to shift investment in their total budget to primary care at a rate of one percent a year for a total of 12 percent by the year 2025. This is the first legislation of its type to take decisive action to reverse the chronic under-funding of primary care services.

The Medical Society of Delaware encourages you to contact your local legislators and urge their support of Senate Bill 199. [Find your legislator](#). Your voice WILL make a difference!

For more information, contact MSD Legislative Advocate, Andrew B. Wilson at AWilson@morrisjames.com or call 302-650-3971

Thank You!

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